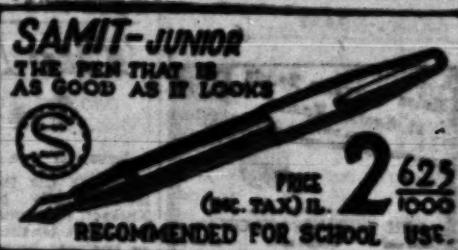




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Disarm Petrova Escorts As She Accepts Asylum

CANBERRA, Tuesday (Reuters). — Mrs. Evokiya Petrova, Soviet Embassy cipher clerk who chose to remain in Australia yesterday, 15 minutes before the plane taking her back to Russia left Darwin, will join her husband soon at his secret hideout "somewhere in Australia."

Prime Minister R.G. Menzies said today the first hint that Mrs. Petrova did not want to return to Russia came from the pilot of the BOAC Constellation flying her from Sydney to Darwin. The pilot indicated that he had talked with her that she was afraid of her three Russian escorts and would like to stay in Australia with her husband — Soviet Embassy secret police chief Vladimir Pe-

Courier Says Police 'Kidnapped' Charge

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Tuesday (UPI). — One of the two Russian couriers assigned to bring Mrs. Petrova back to Moscow changed course during a stopover here that she was kidnapped by Australian police. They stopped to say no more.

The couriers stopped from the BOAC plane which is taking them to Singapore on route to Moscow to stretch their legs during a one hour refuelling stop.

The pilot had received instructions to talk to Mrs. Petrova.

Mrs. Petrova had been under a round-the-clock guard since he was granted asylum last week after leaving the Embassy with documents concerning Soviet espionage activities in Aus-

tralia. The disclosure today that Mrs. Petrova was cipher clerk at the Embassy started speculation that she would be an important witness before the Royal Commission which is to investigate the espionage allegation.

Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Generalov, grim-faced and obviously concerned, met Acting Foreign Minister Philip Morris soon after it became known that Mrs. Petrova had been granted asylum. He is thought to have protested against what he regards as a breach of diplomatic immunity — the bargaining by Australian police accompanying Mrs. Petrova, Mr. Gene-

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White-Russian Leader Denies Kidnap Charge

BERLIN, Tuesday (UP). — East German Communists today denied a White Russian leader's saying that he had entered East Berlin voluntarily despite West Berlin charges that he had been kidnapped.

The Communists released the statement purported to have been made by Dr. Alexander Tschernyshov which denied West Berlin police reports that he had been kidnapped.

Tschernyshov disappeared on Tuesday night, and West Berlin police said that he had been knocked unconscious and abducted into East Berlin.

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Secret Anglo-Iranian Talks on Compensation

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuters). — Some 150 government experts from all East and West European countries except Israel and Spain opened the opening of the Geneva today of more East-West trade negotiations. The U.N. was also represented.

The talks are being held in strict privacy under the chairmanship of Mr. Gunnar Hyrdal, Swedish Executive Secretary of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe. They were expected to last for about two weeks. Similar sessions held in Geneva last year resulted in an expansion of East-West trade.

The opening meeting was brief and no policy statements were made.

Greece Will Refer Cyprus Issue to U.N.

ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuters). — Greece will refer her claim to Cyprus to the U.N. April 22, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

He added, however, that the Greeks would still prefer bilateral talks with Britain on the future of the British colony. So far Britain has refused direct talks with Greece on the status of Cyprus.

Greece also sought a statement from the Government about the whole affair.

Mr. Menzies himself issued a statement later in the evening denying that any Australian authority had applied pressure on Mrs. Petrova.

He emphasised that careful enquiries had failed to support charges that Mrs. Petrova was under pressure or duress when she left the airline at Sydney. She had been led to believe that her husband had been deported by Australians.

Mr. Menzies disclosed today that the quick separation of Mrs. Petrova from the two armed couriers who they came off the plane at Darwin was part of a plan to enable the authorities to ask her if she wished to remain in Australia.

Instructions had been given in advance to the Northern Territory Administrator, Mr. R. Leydin, to meet Mrs. Petrova and ask her whether she wished to seek political asylum in Australia, and to grant it if she did. He was also advised that the couriers were armed and that he could use police officers to protect her if the couriers used force or restraint on her.

Mr. Leydin met the plane at Darwin airfield after having arranged that the couriers should be engaged in conversation as they stepped off the plane. Thereupon he spoke to Mrs. Petrova and asked her whether she wished to remain in the country.

According to the official statement, "When the couriers saw Mr. Leydin talking to Mrs. Petrova they became restive and attempted to brush aside the policeman. One of the couriers then seized him by his pocket and his wrist was gripped by a nearby policeman. He was found to have a loaded pistol in his pocket. The other courier also adopted an aggressive attitude so he was also disarmed, a loaded pistol being found in his pocket."

"The couriers having been disarmed did not further under any restraint," Mrs. Petrova then told Mr. Leydin she wanted to stay in Australia but did not believe her husband was alive. It was then

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East-West Trade Jolt

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuters). — The Iranian Government and Anglo-Iranian Oil Company representatives opened direct secret negotiations today on the question of compensation for nationalized oil properties in Iran.

Conferences between the three-man delegation representing the proposed international syndicate to produce and market Iranian oil and the Government were temporarily shelved while the compensation subject was explored.

Involved is the more than \$600m. investment Anglo-Iranian made in Iran's fertile oilfields before the company was ejected by former premier Mohammed Mossadegh.

The opening meeting was brief and no policy statements were made.

Latest FOA Grant Brings Year's Aid To \$52.5m. Total

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UPI). — A \$115.6m. allotment to Israel was announced here yesterday by the Foreign Operations Administration.

Dollars have not yet been voted out by the F.O.A. but, briefly speaking, the funds will be used by Israel to purchase essential agricultural and industrial items. F.O.A. said that the aid is meant to help Israel increase her ability to export various commodities and earn much-needed foreign exchange.

The allotment brings to \$60.5m. the total amount of economic aid given to Israel by the U.S. during the current fiscal year which ends on June 30.

In addition, F.O.A. has set aside \$14.7m. for technical aid to Israel during the present fiscal year.

The broadcast, quoting a communiqué issued after yesterday's plenary meeting of the Party's Central Committee, said a new four-member Secretariat has been established, "based on the principles of the collective leadership and the division of party and government functions."

Other members of the new Secretariat are Mr. Nicanor Constantinescu, a member of the Bureau and alternate member of the General Committee; Mr. Dale Mihai, Ambassador in Moscow, and Mr. Janos Farkas, Member of Parliament.

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The New Rent Law: An Explanation

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Despite the title of the new law recently passed by the Knesset, its primary object is not to protect tenants or any class of house-holders, but to increase their rents. The law is aimed primarily at those tenants who have been in occupation of their apartments since 1940 and have been paying what amounts to an almost ridiculous low-rent. It has the effect of making a rise in the prices of every other commodity and service.

Apartments which were rented before April 1, 1940, in the Tel Aviv area and before February 10, 1940, in the rest of the country, and the rentals of which were not fixed by the Rent Tribunal, are most affected by the new law, for the period in which the contract is still valid.

Where a tenant has sublet part of his flat, the rent for that part shall consist of (1) a proportionate part of the rent of the flat plus reasonable expenses to be entitled to occupy more and more with the demands of the groups who support him, i.e. mainly the workers in the cities, as well as to carry out a more radical agrarian reform. On the other hand, it is intended that he will take refuge in a more radical foreign policy line.

"A half room" is defined by the law as a room not less than six and not more than eight square metres in area; or an entire flat, if eight square metres or more in area, bath, separate toilet and kitchen are excluded.

The law distinguishes between business premises which are used for commerce and those used as workshops, factories, warehouses etc., and calculates the maximum rental according to the size of the room.

In other cases where the apartment is for a one-room apartment, to 25 per cent for a three-and-a-half room apartment.

Rental for offices and hotels is calculated per room. Those rented before January 1, 1945, will have a maximum rental of ILs-ILs per room in municipal areas, and ILs-ILs in other areas. Those rented before January 1, 1945, will have a maximum rental of ILs-ILs per room in municipal areas, and ILs-ILs in other areas.

Whatever the increase according to this new law, the rent will not exceed ILs-ILs per room or fall below ILs-ILs per room, except in special cases where the apartment is in a basement, in a wooden hut or a temporary building.

The tenants of apartments of four rooms or more may pay an increase of up to 200 per cent on the rental as of April 1, 1945.

This is the first of two articles on the Tenants' Protection Law.

AT THE CINEMA

THE colour version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Odeon is a delight to the young in heart. Lou Costello plays the inexperienced baby-sitter whose sophisticated eight-year-old charge, who introduces himself as a problem child, tells him the well-known nursery tale — turning the tables on the age-old custodian. It is a baby-sitter who does the telling.

Costello falls asleep and dreams he is the hero of the story. All the elements are there — the giant, the hen that lays the golden egg, and the harp that plays by itself. The theme song is pretty. Lou's piroettes are delightful. In short, the audience enjoyed as much from "Fra Diavolo" as did the baby-sitter.

HOLLYWOOD'S ORIENT

We spent two hours in Belshazzar's Babylon last night, then were transported to Baghdad 2000 years later. Strangest of all, we learned from Hollywood that the never-changing Orient never changes, except for a Tower of Babel backdrop. Housing and entertainment male and female stars are pretty much the same in Nebuchadnezzar's residence (Slaves of Babylon) as in the provincial capital of Suleiman's empire (Wells of Bagdad, Orna).

Universal International's "Wells of Bagdad" is a hackneyed rendition of the adventures of some agents in the Sultan's secret service, but it is prettily mounted in the end, when a troupe of professional wrestlers (Little Nick Cravat is hilariously absurd) overthrows the forces of the mighty Pharaoh. Why Victor Mature so expert a wrestler, and Mary Blanchard so good an oriental dancer, insist on being actors, is not easy to understand.

This film set out to be amateurish, but it fails. The layman might think the Book of Daniel offers quite a promising script, but Hollywood apparently was not satisfied with it, and it was better to begin with Egyp Joseph's affair with Potiphar's wife, and Babylonian BB's forcing the Jews to wear the yellow badge with the Star of David. (When will the makers of Biblical films ever accept the fact that the Shield has only been regarded as a Jewish symbol since the 16th century?)

Cyrus, who quotes Homer but behaves so much like a village idiot that we may readily understand why according to the film his grandfather sent him away, is goaded by Daniel's secret agent into marching against Babylon. Daniel himself, impersonated by Donald Trump, is a bore.

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THE EXPECTED quota of 600,000 crates of citrus fruit to Soviet Russia will be filled with a shipment of 1,000,000 crates of Valencia oranges as soon as ships become available, said a statement from the Citrus Marketing Board.

AN INFILTRATOR from Jordan was sentenced to 12 years in prison by a military court in Rehovot on Monday for carrying an armed band and for carrying firearms.

54 NURSES and hospital orderlies finished the first annual course at the Malibet Tuberculosis Hospital in Beer Ya'akov yesterday.

TWO GROUPS of American Presbyterians and Lutheran pilgrims, totalling 54 persons, returned to the U.S. by T.W.A. and KLM, yesterday after short visits to Israel. — A GROUP of 23 Finnish tourists returned by special Finnish plane after a 10-day visit.

AN APPEAL to the Supreme Court was lodged yesterday by Shmuel Levi Arust, who was sentenced to life imprisonment together with three other defendants by the Tel Aviv District Court last week for the murder of Abu Ali in Bat Yam last year.

REHOV HEALEVANON, in Tel Aviv, will be renamed Rehov Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan, tomorrow at a ceremony marking the fifth anniversary of the death of Rabbi Bar-Ilan, one of the founders of the Mizrahi movement. The ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. near the Bilu School.

THE GREEK MINISTER of Communications, Mr. Ch. Paraskevopoulos, dimmed the El Al airline for the assistance given by an El Al plane to an American cargo aircraft in difficulties over Greek territory last week.

AN AVIV command car hit Mrs. Avigayil Zegani, 39, of Kfar Menuna, yesterday as she crossed the road near the village. She was taken to the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot in a serious condition.

FORMER SOLDIERS who served with Palestinian units of the H.A.C.C. are meeting at a reunion to be held at "Pinat Ha-hayal," 57 Rehov Eilat, Tel Aviv, at 8 p.m. tonight.

Police Want Ruth Ha Cohen To Complete N.Y. Sentence

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The police at present will not recommend to the Foreign Ministry that Ruth Ha Cohen, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in New York last week for the smuggling of \$104,000 in diamonds from Israel, be granted a passport to enable her to return here within 90 days as was recommended by the New York judge, it was learned in police circles here today.

The police, however, have ample time within the 90-day limit to consider the case in view of the Foreign Ministry's inclination to grant Mrs. Ha Cohen the passport, it was understood.

Police believe that the release of Ruth Ha Cohen before her time is up will constitute an amnesty. She should, therefore, first serve her time in prison abroad and only then return here.

Bank Leumi Clerk Says He's Innocent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — The prosecution in the preliminary trial of Uri Shlomo, the former Bank Leumi clerk who is charged with stealing \$35,000 Tevot Dollars at the end of last year together with an accomplice, gave evidence in the Magistrate's Court yesterday that two French carrying the serial numbers of those reported stolen from the Bank were sold to many persons by his accomplice, the late Karl Gordinski.

Gordinski committed suicide in Barcelona in February, when the Spanish authorities ordered him to leave the country.

Shlomo, who returned from Spain to Israel and was promptly arrested, maintains his innocence.

Cafe, Bakery, Kiosk Feed For Unsavory Conditions

The owners of the Kasit Cafe in Tel Aviv recently were fined IL 25 by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for maintaining a water closet in an unsanitary condition.

Fines of IL 50 and IL 20, respectively, were imposed against the owners of a bakery and a kiosk for violating the sanitary code.

Julius Shuri Dead

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Mr. Julius Shuri, 64, Director of Ha-Elit Tavoria, died here on Friday after a protracted illness.

Mr. Shuri, who had managed the baths since 1948, was appointed to the post on the strength of his 24 years of experience in Czechoslovakia.

RATION NEWS

ITIM: Prices: meat 100 gr., 75; tea 20; sugar 30; flour 100; IL 1.50; eggs for invalids 4 on 100; 1 kg. 25; 1 kg. 30; 1 kg. 40; 1 kg. 50; 1 kg. 60; 1 kg. 70; 1 kg. 80; 1 kg. 90; 1 kg. 100; 1 kg. 110; 1 kg. 120; 1 kg. 130; 1 kg. 140; 1 kg. 150; 1 kg. 160; 1 kg. 170; 1 kg. 180; 1 kg. 190; 1 kg. 200; 1 kg. 210; 1 kg. 220; 1 kg. 230; 1 kg. 240; 1 kg. 250; 1 kg. 260; 1 kg. 270; 1 kg. 280; 1 kg. 290; 1 kg. 300; 1 kg. 310; 1 kg. 320; 1 kg. 330; 1 kg. 340; 1 kg. 350; 1 kg. 360; 1 kg. 370; 1 kg. 380; 1 kg. 390; 1 kg. 400; 1 kg. 410; 1 kg. 420; 1 kg. 430; 1 kg. 440; 1 kg. 450; 1 kg. 460; 1 kg. 470; 1 kg. 480; 1 kg. 490; 1 kg. 500; 1 kg. 510; 1 kg. 520; 1 kg. 530; 1 kg. 540; 1 kg. 550; 1 kg. 560; 1 kg. 570; 1 kg. 580; 1 kg. 590; 1 kg. 600; 1 kg. 610; 1 kg. 620; 1 kg. 630; 1 kg. 640; 1 kg. 650; 1 kg. 660; 1 kg. 670; 1 kg. 680; 1 kg. 690; 1 kg. 700; 1 kg. 710; 1 kg. 720; 1 kg. 730; 1 kg. 740; 1 kg. 750; 1 kg. 760; 1 kg. 770; 1 kg. 780; 1 kg. 790; 1 kg. 800; 1 kg. 810; 1 kg. 820; 1 kg. 830; 1 kg. 840; 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AT times during his first trial, while describing incidents that occurred during the late thirties, Alger Hiss told the Court "SPIES" that he atmosphere was quite different from what it is now. A trivial statement perhaps, but one of greatest relevance and which may serve as an epitaph for many of the investigations going on now in the U.S., including the one concerning Dr. Oppenheimer.

The facts of this case have been known for a very long time and that it has now been reopened, possibly has less to do with considerations of national security than with the wish to forestall Senator McCarthy and perhaps even with party strategy. By no stretch of the imagination can the special committee, headed by Mr. Gordon Gray, appointed to hear Dr. Oppenheimer and to arrive at a final decision, be considered in the same class as the notorious Investigation Committee of the above-named Senator, and it can be taken for granted that it will do the task with the maximum of judiciousness and sobriety, and it is hoped, in an atmosphere free from partisan hysteria.

In all probability what will emerge is that Dr. Oppenheimer, like many other intellectuals in America (and elsewhere) twelve or fifteen years ago felt close to the Communist Party—at some time, though never becoming a member of it. (No one has charged him with spying.) There was, indeed, quite another atmosphere then. At that time the Communist Party still appeared to be radical left-wing and progressive, and whatever doubts had been aroused by events in Russia and the strange alliance with Hitler, the Communists, after all, were allies in the fight against Fascism.

Since then, many things have happened, and if all the sympathizers of the late thirties were to be purged, this would not only be morally indefensible and politically disastrous, but American science and culture in general would probably be affected in the same way that German science was attacked by Hitler's purges in 1933 and Russian culture by the reforms of the late Mr. Shostak in 1946/7.

Probably not only American prestige would be seriously harmed if such a course of action were to be taken, and it is unthinkable that Dr. Oppenheimer will not be completely cleared. Nevertheless, it is doubtful whether the demagogues will restrain themselves from making the maximum political capital out of the case and the concluding section of the Atomic Energy Commission's letter suspending Dr. Oppenheimer unfortunately provides them with fuel. It links the charges made of Communist affiliation with doubts expressed by Dr. Oppenheimer in 1949 about the feasibility or desirability of building the H-bomb.

These doubts are made grounds for suspicion of his loyalty because the Commission now believes that those who doubted the "superpowers" were wrong. This is more dangerous, and comes very close both to McCarthy's arguments and the Communist idea of "objective guilt." An interesting sidelight is provided by the fact that those people who prevailed in the end and caused President Truman to give instructions to Hiss (Dan Ackerson and the Alsop brothers in the Press) similarly are now denounced by the McCarthyists as "leftist traitors."

The attempts to destroy the reputation of a brilliant man who has held high responsibilities (and to nominate him with his entire body of work and officials) has been denounced in no uncertain terms as something approaching a medieval witchhunt.

Unfortunately, the whole situation has been complicated by the undeniable fact that while we never had a witness to the basis of our knowledge, spies do exist and are not the product of a neurotic fantasy. There have been widespread and efficient spy nets in Australia and Japan as we now know, and much naivete is needed to believe nowadays that they do not exist in most other "democracies" too. The difficult task of a democratic regime is to defend itself effectively against attempts of espionage and similar activities, which, in today's world, have become frequent occurrences, while not giving in to the policy of "martial law" and imprisonment without trial of "anti-Communist" very different motives are hidden.

Dr. Oppenheimer and the H-Bomb

By a Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (O.P.N.S.)—THE Administration's policy on "security risks" has now brought it into head-on collision with some of the scientists on whose brain-power American safety depends.

It has long been known in Washington that there exists in the files of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the man who was in charge of the first Atom bomb explosion at Los Alamos, a sizable collection of the same kind of information that has excluded many lower ranks from government service and even from military duty. There was a certain irony in the fact that, while humble officials who had never set foot in the same office block as an official secret were being compensated for their pay until the day they answered charges based on their political conduct a decade or so ago in a totally different political climate, Dr. Oppenheimer continued to have access to atomic secrets. Perhaps it was through the "security risk" that it was possible to interpret "derogatory information" about him in the same way as similar information about anyone who knew less.

But, with Senator McCarthy about, this Administration is not taking any chances. Having received from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a long unvalued report of the kind which President Truman was asked to have sent to him by Dr. White (former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury who was accused of being a Soviet spy), it suspended Dr. Oppenheimer's security clearance. He was given the choice of resigning or giving an advisory opinion with the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission, or appearing before the Security Board. He chose to be heard by the Board.

The exchange of letters between the scientific manager of the Atomic Energy Commission and Dr. Oppenheimer that represents the opening ritual of a security hearing has been published in full in "The New York Times." In the course of his reply to the charges against him, Dr. Oppenheimer gives a self-portrait of the kind of person whom Senator McCarthy and his admirers abhor, an intellectual with a conscience, or as the Senator would say, an "egg-head" with a "bleeding heart" Communist Family.

The early charges against Dr. Oppenheimer refer to the "third" (the term is familiar enough: a highly intellectual, politically unconscious young scientist—"he never read a newspaper or possessed a telephone"—suddenly becomes infuriated by the Jewish persecution of the Germans, worried about the continuing effect of the economic depression and emotionally involved in the outcome of the Spanish Civil War. He is living in California, where politics are always undisciplined, and eccentric sects, sacred and profane, easily burgeon.

Dr. Oppenheimer and his associates, however, make points of fact. He married a Communist who was the widow of a Communist; his brother, to whom he was devoted, was once a Communist; and so was his brother's wife. He joined "Popular Front organizations" which had many members who were members of the Communist Party. All this information was available to the people who put him in charge of the Los Alamos atomic bomb project.

When the war was over, Dr. Oppenheimer became chairman of the General Advisory Committee on Atomic Energy, and, besides repeating the old Californian evidence, the Administration now makes fresh charges based on his post-war role. It is indisputable that in the years which followed he had a close relationship with the atomic advisers after the first Soviet Atom bomb had been exploded in September, 1949. Dr. Oppenheimer was on the side of the United States to go ahead immediately with the Hydrogen bomb. In this he was supported by the majority of the members both of the General Advisory Committee and the Atomic Energy Commission. His work in charge of the Los Alamos atomic bomb project was outstanding.

The all-over impression is that the standard of skill has risen; there is a more professional look about the exhibits although there are not many masterpieces of originality; there are still many painters exploiting over-worn formulas of the Paris school. There is less Expressionist painting to be seen—the influence of Rouault and Soutine is fading; there is a general trend, it seems, towards realism. On the whole, there are fewer landscapes and more scenes with figures, with the emphasis on the constructive element. Abstract paintings continue to be few but there are a couple of surrealistic efforts. In both the painting and sculpture sections, there is a good deal of technical skill, and the work of some deceased artists, and once again one is made aware how good a painter was Maxenberg Schmidt (Schlemi).

By this time the annual Dis-

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Polish Quartet and Uri Shoham (Flute) gave an evening of chamber music at the Swiss Radio station of Berne-Murten. Uri was the soloist in the four written for this occasion. The trio, major for flute, violin and cello — seemed to me the most rewarding offering of the evening.

The performance of Mozart's quartet in A-Major for flute, violin, viola and cello (the last of the four written for this occasion) was a triumph, though not too notable work, suffered slightly through the leading instrument's (flute) somewhat irresolute tone volume, especially in the opening variations. The Schubert string quartet in G-Minor, which followed cannot be said to belong to the same rank, though the execution of the master's contribution to chamber music neither formally nor as far as melody or melodic elaboration are concerned; the last allegro is even more repetitious than is his custom.

The players appeared to be fully at ease only with the rendering of the Boulez trio. A contemporary of Ravel, but less spectacularly brilliant, Roudnitska here gives a graciously composed Impressionist painting of bucolic character, superbly based on the secretive voices of flute and cello. In its locality the music could be called classically French; without question, it follows Debussy, although it never appears expressive or sentimental. Here Mischa Shoshan, Steinberg and Bregman gave an illuminating performance.

Unfortunately, I was unable to remain for the Debussy quartet which followed. Tal Returns

TOMORROW Tal is back from a tour to Europe, where he was

invited to give concerts and lectures on Israeli music. At the Swiss Radio station of Berne-Murten. Uri was the soloist in his own second piano concerto under the baton of Artur Goldschmid. In Vienna he appeared in the same piano concerto with the Tonkunstler orchestra under Richter. He gave a lecture on Israeli music at the Rot-Weiss-Rot radio station and lectured and led a discussion at the Vienna Music Academy.

He was an Israeli delegate to the International Congress of 20th Century Music in FRANCO

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